

# BCom with specialisation in Finance



## Programme overview

A Bachelor of Commerce degree with a specialisation in finance is a programme that hones students' knowledge and skills in corporate finance, investment analysis, and risk management.

It prepares students for careers in finance, banking, portfolio management, central banking, and corporate finance, where graduates will work with money, assets, and financial markets.

## Who should apply?

- Aspiring financial analysts and portfolio managers.
- Individuals interested in stock markets, securities, and investment strategies.
- Future bankers aiming to work in corporate or investment banking.
- Analytical thinkers with strong quantitative skills.
- Those seeking to understand risk management and financial regulations.
- Those interested in wealth management and advising clients on financial planning.

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# Why study Finance at the UFS?

Studying the Bachelor of Commerce degree with specialisation in Finance at the UFS provides comprehensive education that blends theoretical knowledge with practical skills. The Bachelor of Commerce with specialisation in Finance is proudly affiliated with the *CFA® Institute's University Affiliation Program*, regarded as the 'gold standard' for investment professionals across the world. Within this prestigious programme, candidates pursue the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, a globally recognised qualification offered by the *CFA Institute*, headquartered in the United States. Signifying that at least 70% of the CFA® Program Candidate Body of Knowledge™ is integrated into our curriculum, the Department of Economics and Finance is one of only a handful of South African universities to be affiliated with the CFA Institute.

## Career opportunities



Investment Banker



Portfolio Manager



Financial Analyst



Mergers and Acquisitions Specialist



Wealth Manager



Central Banker



Risk Analyst



Portfolio Analyst



Financial Risk Manager



Asset Manager



Equity Analyst



Credit Analyst



Compliance Officer



Relationship Banker

# Curriculum

## First academic year (compulsory modules)

Introduction to microeconomics	Quantitative methods for business
Business functions	General management
Introduction to macroeconomics	UFSS1504
Accounting	Personal finance
Academic literacy	

## Second academic year (compulsory modules)

Microeconomics	Financial markets, instruments, and institutions
Organisational ethics and citizenship	Money and interest rates
Macroeconomics	Taxation
Entrepreneurship	Managerial finance

## Third academic year (compulsory modules)

International pronomirs and finance	Investment management
South African macroeconomic policy issues	Managerial finance
Introduction to mathematical economics	Statistics for economics
Risk management in banking	Labour economics
Development economics	Introduction to data analytics for business

### Minimum Admission Requirements

- AP = 28
- Mathematics = Achievement level 4 (50%)
- English = Achievement level 4 (50%)



# How do I apply for this programme?

The following link will direct you to the UFS Application site:  
<https://apply.ufs.ac.za/Application/Start>

## Where can I get more information?

[emsapplications@ufs.ac.za](mailto:emsapplications@ufs.ac.za) | [www.ufs.ac.za/econ](http://www.ufs.ac.za/econ)

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## Student / Alumni quote



“The BCom Investment Management and Banking programme now (BCom Finance) at the University of the Free State was a transformative journey that sharpened my analytical thinking, strategic decision-making, and deepened my understanding of global financial systems. It empowered me not only with technical knowledge, but with the confidence to lead, influence, and innovate in complex economic environments. This degree did not just prepare me for the industry - it prepared me to shape it.”- **RICHARD MOLEFE** (2025 graduate)